
St. John is a Stewardship Parish

October 5, 2014
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4, 2014

4:00 – Thomas Cosgrove -- Memorial

Sunday, October 5, 2014

8:00 – Maria Figueiredo – 16th Anniversary

10:30 – Alfred Smith—1st Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Monday, October 6, 2014

9:00 – Marguerite & John Flaherty -- Memorial

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9:00 – Robert Gale – Birthday Mass

Saturday, October 11, 2014

4:00 – Jay Timothy Barry -- Memorial

Sunday, October 12, 2014

8:00 – Doc & Marion Wood – 24th & 14th Anniv

10:30 – Bronislaw Morawski – 25th Anniversary

6:00 – Parishioners of St. John

Important Dates

Sun. 9/27-28 – Mission Appeal by Fr. John Hanley

Sat. 9/27—Rel. Ed. Open House – 3:30 – 5 PM

Sun. 9/28 – Rel. Ed. Open House – 8 – Noon

Sun. 9/28 – 9th & 10th Gr. CCD – 4:30-6:00, 7:00 – 8:30

Sat. 10/4 – Blessing of the Animals – 1 PM

Sat. 10/4 – Religious Ed. Begins 9-10

Sat. 10/4 & Sun 10/5 – Tootsie Roll Drive

Sat 10/4 – Car Wash for EBCTV – 10:00 – 2:00

Sun. 10/5 – TEEN MASS – COMMISSIONING NEW

MINISTERS

Wed. 10/8 – Fr. Stephen leaves for home

Sat. 10/25 – Movie Night 7 – 10 PM

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pam Adornato, Mei Connelly, Bill Monaghan, Nancy Belisle, Ann Storti, Karen Debenedictis, Henry “Harry” Wedge, Harry Hewins, Floyd Weaver, Barbara O’Hear, Christopher MacDonald, Kim Santagata, Ann Sullivan, Jean Lavin, Jeannette Shalginewicz, Gary Saccocia, Elaine McKeon. The residents of Sachem & Westview.

If you know of anyone in who is need of a Pastoral visit from either our Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Paul (in the case of the Sacrament of the Sick), please call the rectory.

The Silver Rose for Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit St. Thomas Aquinas Wednesday, Oct. 8th during the morning Masses at 7 & 9 AM and St. Michael’s, Avon on Oct. 10th.—Rosary at 8:30 followed by Mass at 9 AM Please join us for this special opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of October, which is dedicated to her.

*Our Shared Treasure
September 28, 2014*

	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Yr-to-date</i>
Collection:	\$ 5,088.50	\$62,150.50
Budgeted	\$ 5,784.31	\$69,411.72
Excess/Short	695.81	7,261.22
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Propagation of the Faith		\$ 1733.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

*2nd Collection for Fr. Stephen’s Dormitory
2nd Collection Oct 12th – Youth Ministry*

**Catholic Women’s Club Annual Craft Fair
coming in November.**

The members of SVDP wish to thank all of our parishioners who contributed so generously to the annual food drive. We know these are difficult times for many families, which makes us appreciate your donations all the more. Please remember we have baskets for food and SVDP boxes for money donations at the entrances of our church. We are grateful for anything you wish to give. Thank you again for supporting our food pantry.



A sincere thank you to ALL the volunteers who made this year’s picnic the best ever. 174 tickets were sold, our largest crowd ever. Bravo to Carmen Pearson and Brenda Armand whose organization and coordination were the reason we had such a wonderful event. With the help of their army of volunteers: ticket sales people, cooks, the kitchen help, the food preparers, the set up people, the cleanup people, the DJ, the face painters, & the list goes on and on, the picnic was a huge success even with the sun shower.

A special thank you to those of you who signed up for a ministry. The more people we have involved, the larger our “family of faith”. Vince Adornato thank you helping with the Cori Forms.

**Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:
Dan & Molly Lovell, Daniel McLaughlin
& Ann Brayley**

TEACHERS NEEDED

CLASSES START - Sat. October 4, 2014

TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR ALL GRADES

Please Call Lorraine or Nancy
at 508-378-1521 if you can help!

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Peace to you dear friends here at St. John. At this moment accept my sincere gratitude for the donation towards the girls' dormitory in Uganda. We are doing our best as a Catholic Church in Uganda to give maximum protection to the girl students from all the insecurities you can think of; ranging from abduction, rape, early pregnancy, school dropout, you name it. The girls' dormitory, costing \$300,000 is a real need. Kindly continue to support us through St. John Parish so that we can complete it and be able to accommodate our 300 girls. I will always update you on our progress. Remember, St. John Parish has become a home away from home. Kindly give me support for this noble mission. Thank you so much and may He reward you abundantly.

Fr. Stephen Lusiba. (lusteve2012@gmail.com)

The Church in the United States celebrates October as "Respect Life Month". A vital part of the Church's pro-life catechesis is the love and mercy of God for all who have experienced the pain of abortion.

"Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is life altering..." If you or someone you know is suffering from the pain of a past abortion, the Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston will offer a one-day retreat for women on **October 18 and November 15** from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at a confidential location. Space is limited. For registration, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Trust in the tender mercy of God!



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I have no luck with horticulture. If you ever want a plant to die a quick, painless death, put it in my hands. Since my youngest days, I have not had the ability to grow anything. Remember those elementary school projects when you were given charge of a seed with some dirt in a Styrofoam cup? It didn't grow an inch in my care. In fact, I went to check on it (by poking it, of course) and I believe that's when I did it in. I had a friend in college ask me to tend their plants. As much as I begged and pleaded to the contrary, they insisted I could do it. How wrong they were! Needless to say, they never asked me again to watch their plants.

I bring these stories/images up in light of our readings today. In the first reading, responsorial psalm and gospel, the image of a vineyard is used prominently. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of Israel as a vineyard and how God, try as He might, cannot yield anything but "wild grapes" (an image of the uncooperative nature of the Israelite people). Because of this, God allows the vineyard to be trampled underfoot (read: the kingdom of Israel to be disbursed and left to fend for themselves). They will come around, but not without a lot of "pruning"!

In the responsorial psalm, this image of the vineyard (Israel) is carried forward by the psalmist. In this psalm, the history of the Israelites is laid out, from their captivity in, and exile from, Egypt to their disobedience to their restoration. In this image, God (the vinedresser) never truly abandons Israel (the vineyard), but allows it to "lay fallow" for a time. God will, indeed, restore Israel, in His own time.

In the gospel passage, Jesus uses the image of the vineyard to mirror the people of God. The chief priests and the elders (the caretakers of the vineyard) have not produced the results which God has wanted, for they are only concerned with their own well-being and not that of the people. Because of the inability to tend the "vineyard" to God's liking, the vineyard will be given to someone (read: disciples/ apostles of Jesus) who will care for it.

My friends, we have been given care of the vineyard. We have the opportunity to grow great things, in the form of our parish and our faith. May we have the strength, given by God, to tend the vineyard (the Church), to carefully tend its crop (the people of God) and yield great fruit (souls for the Kingdom).

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Paul